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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

ATZK-JAA (600)

20 September 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: Thunderbolt Six Policy Memo No. 38-6 - Extremist Group Activity

1. Reference AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 15 July 1999.
2. The Army's focus on extremist group activity has intensified recently as a result of incidents attributed to soldiers with links to extremist groups. Therefore, the Army has charged its leaders to be proactive in the fight against extremist group activity.
3. It should be clear to everyone that activities of extremist organizations are inconsistent with the responsibilities of military service and are potentially incompatible with the responsibilities of those employed by the military service. Leaders at all levels must be alert to the signs of extremism and proactive in identifying soldiers and/or civilians who wrongfully participate in extremist group activities. Commanders and supervisors must take necessary and appropriate actions to maintain an environment free from the negative effects of extremist group activity.
5. Commanders must take action when soldiers are apparently involved with extremist organizations. You should advise them that the goals of such organizations are inconsistent with Army policy on equal opportunity and that participation may have adverse consequences on their careers. You must evaluate all the facts and circumstances and decide whether further action is required. Action must also be taken against civilians if their actions impermissibly impact on the workplace. Whether dealing with soldiers or civilians, commanders and supervisors should get legal advice before pursuing a particular course of action. By working together we can prevent extremist activity from becoming a problem on Fort Knox.
6. This is a permanent policy, which will not expire until rescinded or superseded.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R. Steven Whitcomb".

R. STEVEN WHITCOMB
Major General, USA
Commanding

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